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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP -- UNESCO CHAIRMANSHIP

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1. DURING DISCUSSION OTHER UN MATTERS, JOHN SYMONS, DEPUTY HEAD, UN DEPT., FCO, RAISED QUESTION OF UNESCO GENEVA GROUP. HE SAID FCO HAD RECENTLY BEEN SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT DENNIS CARR HAD TURNED DOWN CHAIRMANSHIP OF UNESCO GENEVA GROUP AT JAN. 7TH MEETING IN PARIS. PRIOR TO THAT MEETING LEN MARTIN, UNDERSECRETARY, OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY, AND CURRENTLY CHAIRMAN, EXBD, UNESCO, ASKED HEAD OF UN DEPT., FCO, FOR GUIDANCE ON CHAIRMANSHIP ISSUE. ACCORDING TO SYMONS, FCO MADE IT CLEAR TO MARTIN THAT THEY EXPECTED CARR TO TAKE CHAIR IN UNESCO GENEVA GROUP. THEY TOLD MARTIN THAT THEY COULD FORESEE NO POSSIBLE REASON FOR CONFLICT BETWEEN CARR AND HIMSELF OWING TO THE PURELY ADMINISTRATIVE NATURE OF ANY INTERCHANGES BETWEEN THEM. IN ADDITION, IT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH UK POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR GENEVA GROUP ARRANGEMENTS IF CARR DID NOT TAKE CHAIR.

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2. UN DEPT., FCO HAS ASKED MARTIN FOR CLARIFICATION OF SITUATION IN PARIS. THEY HAVE ALSO REITERATED THEIR VIEW THAT UK SHOULD TAKE UNESCO GENEVA GROUP CHAIR. WE COMMENTED THAT WE HAD ALSO SEEN SUCH A REPORT OF THE JAN. 7TH MEETING AND THAT IN MEANTIME DEPT. HAS AGREED THAT U.S. WILL, IF NECESSARY, CHAIR GROUP AGAIN THIS YEAR.

SYMONS PROMISED TO LET US KNOW THE RESULTS OF THEIR EX-  
CHANGE WITH MARTIN.

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